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MEMORANDUM FOR: [ ]

SUBJECT: Redocumentation and Renewal of AEQUOR

Background:

1. The PP Staff Comments on SR Operational Program for FY 1959 contains the following statement on AEQUOR:

"In view of the absence of operations against the USSR target, phasedown during FY 59 of this subsidy operation of the Byelorussian National Council (BNR) should be effected. Phasedown should be accomplishable at a substantially reduced budget level -- approximately one-half of the [ ]

2. The Staff has just received in draft form a renewal request which states:

"Renewal of Project AEQUOR has been waived since the last renewal in 1956, pending a study and review of the entire Byelorussian operation by the SR Division. This study has been completed and the decision reached by SR Division is that the project is with merit and shall be presented for renewal."

3. The PP Staff has been awaiting an SR Division assessment of AEQUOR since 1 September 1956. Renewal of the project was granted on 20 July 1956 on an interim basis pending receipt of that assessment.

Action Requested:

1. That SR Division present to the PP Staff the evaluation of AEQUOR which is now 21 months overdue.

2. That the project be redocumented, unless the establishment of PP nets inside Byelorussia is still a serious aim of the project.

3. That the redocumented project reflect the recommendations contained in the PP Staff comments on the SR Operational Program.

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